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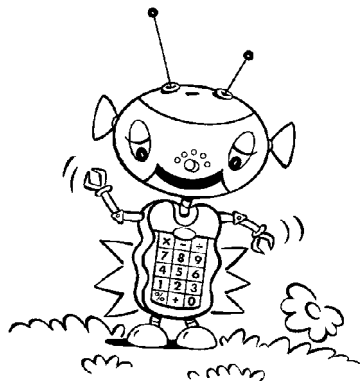


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BOOK 4



A Visit to the Zoo



Tommy Tales

Andy went to the park early. He had two bananas, a pear, and a bag of peanuts. The food was for Bongo, the monkey he helped rescue from the animal shelter.

Bongo was living in a tall oak tree in the park. When he saw Andy with the food, he quickly climbed down. He ate the bananas, then he ate the pear. Andy kept the peanuts for later.



They ran to Flamingo Hill. "How do we get back?" asked Tommy.

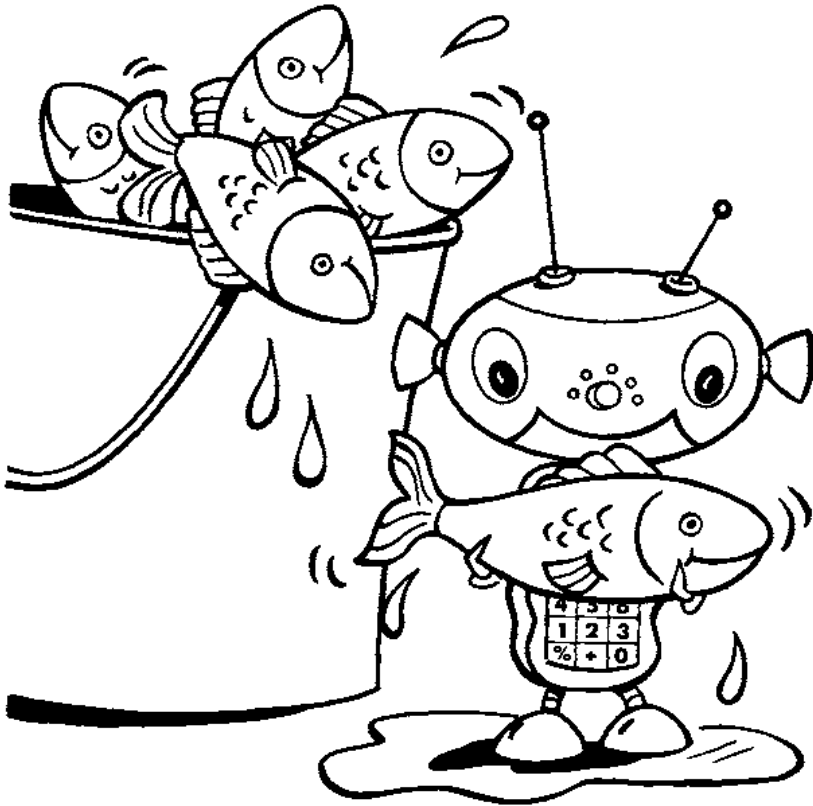
"This time, press 16-1-18-11 x 6 on my buttons," said RK-5. Tommy pressed the buttons. Within seconds, RK-5 zoomed them back to the park.



"I'm hungry," said Sam. "It must be time for lunch."

"It is 11:30 a.m.," said RK-5. "In 30 minutes it will be time for your lunch."

"We'd better go," said Tommy. "Now that we have RK-5, we can come back to the zoo anytime."



A voice shouted from behind him. "Hey! Andy." It was Tommy with his sister, Sam. Lucy and Kim followed close behind.

"Is RK-5 with you?" asked Andy.

"Of course I am," said a voice from Tommy's pocket. Tommy gently pulled the little robot from his pocket.



"Can you take us somewhere fun, for a change?" said Sam.

"I can take you anywhere you want to go," replied RK-5.

"I want to go to the beach," said Sam.

"No, let's go to a toy store," said Kim.

"I want to go to a farm," said Andy.



They had great fun throwing little fish to the sea lions. They made sure that the baby sea lions had their share.



"Hey! Look at me," said a voice behind them. It was Sam. She was with the zookeeper. He had a long pole with a hook on the end. He used the pole to get Sam's hat from the crocodile pen.

They said "thank you" to the zookeeper. The zookeeper said, "It's time to feed the sea lions. Would you like to help?"

"Yes, please!" they shouted.



Everyone was talking at the same time, including Bongo.

Tommy asked RK-5 what Bongo was saying.

"He wants to find some monkey friends at the zoo," said RK-5.

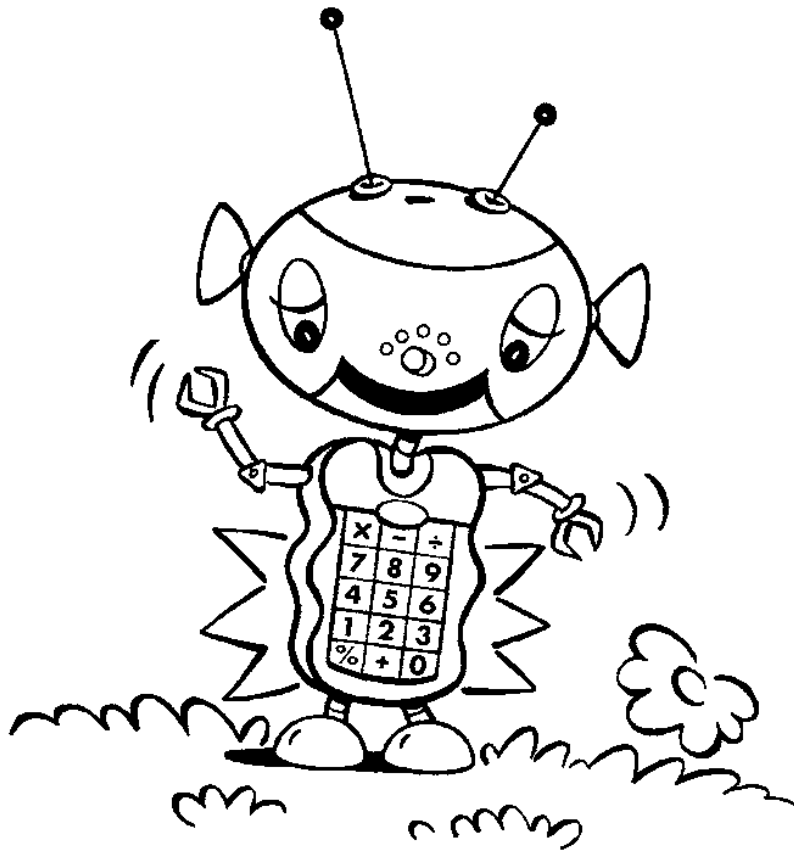
"Yes, yes! Let's go to the zoo," yelled Sam.

They all agreed it would be fun to go to the zoo. They would find some friends for Bongo.



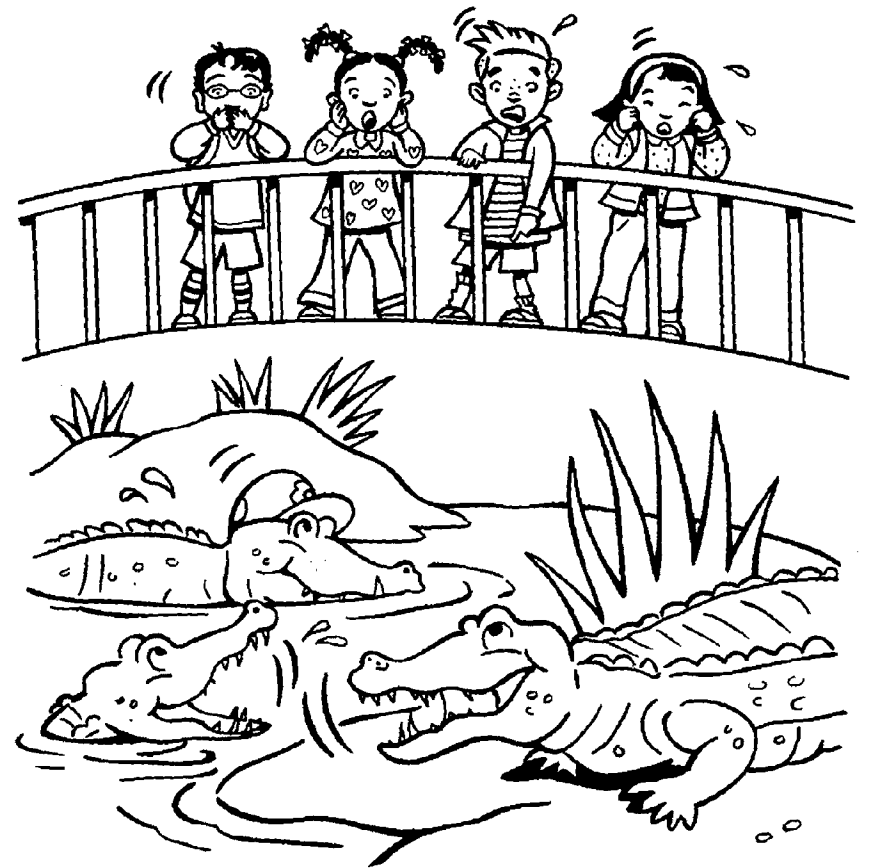
Andy put Bongo in his backpack. They didn't want anyone at the zoo to see Bongo. The zookeeper might want to keep him at the zoo.

RK-5 asked Tommy to press 26-15-15 x 6 on the buttons that popped out of his chest. Tommy pressed the buttons.



They ran back towards Flamingo Hill. They passed the crocodile pen. Andy shouted, "Look! There's Sam's hat. It's in the crocodile pen. Sam's been eaten by a crocodile."

Kim started crying. The others looked very scared.





Tommy and the others found the Monkey House. Andy let Bongo out of the backpack. Bongo had a fine time chatting with his new monkey friends. Everybody laughed at the funny faces the monkeys made.

“Where’s Sam?” asked Kim. They all looked around.

“Oh no! She’s lost,” said Tommy. “Now I’m in super big trouble.”

There was a flash of blue light and thick smoke. When the smoke cleared, they found themselves on a hill. There were pink flamingos all around them.

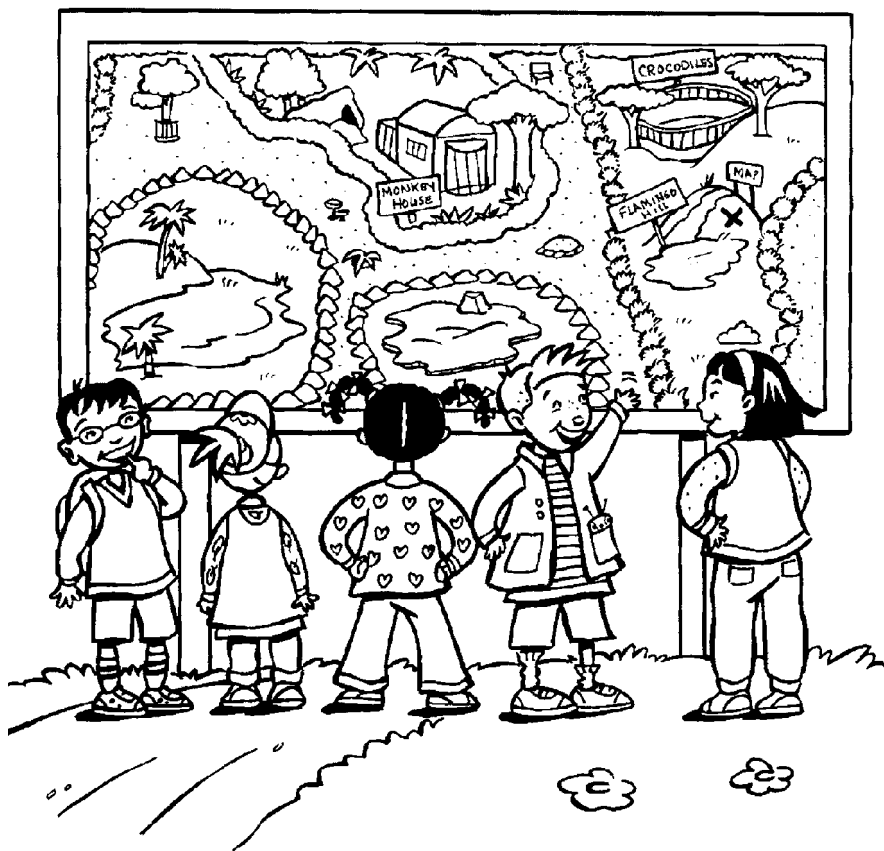
“Look! There’s a path there,” said Kim.

“There’s a sign, which shows where all the animals are,” said Tommy. They ran to the sign to find out where the monkeys lived.



Lucy pointed to a picture of the Monkey House on the sign. Kim said, "Here's Flamingo Hill. That's where we are now."

"If we walk to the end of this path and turn left, we'll be at the Monkey House," said Tommy.



They all ran off to visit the monkeys. They didn't see Sam stop to look at the crocodiles. Sam counted three big crocodiles. They all had lots of big, scary teeth. Suddenly, a gust of wind blew Sam's hat off. It went into the crocodile pen.

"Oh, no!" she said out loud. "I'm not going in there to get my hat. I'll find the zookeeper. He'll get my hat for me."

